



**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Suzanne Cory, et al. **Examiner:** Sumesh Kaushal  
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**For:** NOVEL MAMMALIAN GENE, **Dated:** May 3, 2004  
BCL-W, BELONGS TO THE  
BCL-2 FAMILY OF APOPTOSIS-  
CONTROLLING GENES

**Confirmation No.:** 3390

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

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